



NASAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. Do not allow patient to blow nose before specimen collection
2. Ask patient to tilt head back slightly and close eyes
3. Open kit and remove swab
4. Holding the swab by the handle, gently insert swab into patient's nostril
 - a. The entire tip of the swab should be inserted into the nostril
 - b. Once resistance is felt, the Mid-Turbinate area of the nostril has been reached
 - c. Gently rotate the swab 5 times against the nasal wall to collect a sample of the membrane wall
 - d. Remove the swab gently
 - e. Using the same swab immediately follow the same process with the second nostril
5. Place swab in the transport container
6. Tightly push cap into place on the transport container
7. Document the collection date, time and patient initials on specimen label, place it on the specimen container
8. Place labeled specimen in a specimen bag and seal it, then roll specimen bag around container
9. Place rolled specimen bag in another specimen bag and seal for added security
10. Place requisition in the outer specimen bag
11. Place sample in refrigerator to stabilize specimen until transport occurs

NASOPHARYNGEAL (NP) SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. Open Kit and remove the smallest swab
2. Ask patient to tilt head back slightly and close eyes
3. Place swab into nostril
4. Gently slide swab along the bottom of the nostril straight back (not up) placing it against the Nasopharyngeal
 - a. Using the red line on the swab as an indicator will assist you in knowing that the correct depth has been reached
 - b. **NOTE:** The swab should easily be inserted
 - i. **Do Not** attempt to force the swab into the nostril
 - ii. If resistance is felt during insertion, gently try to relocate swab
 - iii. If relocation is unsuccessful remove swab and reinsert the same swab into the other nostril
5. To ensure proper positioning, briefly release the swab to make sure there is no spring back of the swab
 - a. If successful, the appropriate positioning has occurred
6. Gently rotate the swab 3 or 4 times against the Nasopharyngeal to collect the sample
7. Gently remove the swab
 - a. If the Patients eyes water, the Nasopharyngeal has been reached
8. Immediately place the swab into the medium in the transport container
 - a. Break the swab off at the red line
 - b. Tightly screw the cap on the transport container
9. Document the collection date, time and patient initials on specimen label, place it on the specimen container
10. Place labeled specimen in a specimen bag and seal it
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